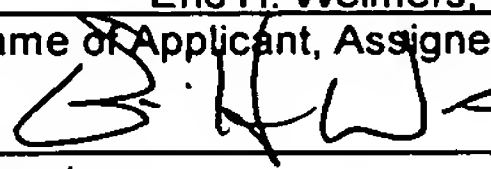


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Applicant: Tropicana Products, Inc.  
International Filing Date: 03 October 2005  
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**RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO CORRECT PRIORITY CLAIM**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Invitation mailed November 21, 2005 to correct the priority claim in the above PCT international application.

Attached is a corrected page 3 of the Request Form in which the priority claim in Box No. VI has been corrected to include the U.S. serial No. 11/240,135 of the second priority application due to said number not being available at the time of filing the PCT international application.

As previously requested in Box No. VI of the Request Form, the U.S. Receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of U.S. Application, Serial No. 11/240,135 filed September 30, 2005. Payment for forwarding the certified copy of the second filed priority document has been made in the Annex to the prescribed fees PCT/RO/102. If necessary, authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0503 for any additional amounts is hereby authorized. It is noted that a certified copy of the first filed priority application

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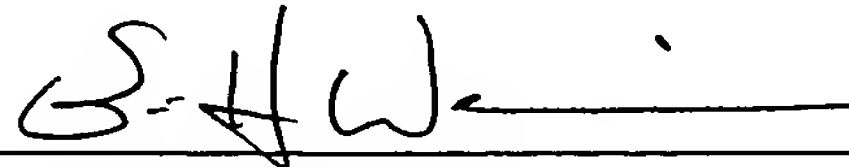
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has been forwarded to the International Bureau of WIPO before 9 December 2005,  
and Notification thereof has been received.

It is believed that all defects regarding the priority claim have been timely  
corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Box No. V DESIGNATIONS**

The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.

However,

- ☐ DE Germany is not designated for any kind of national protection
- ☐ KR Republic of Korea is not designated for any kind of national protection
- ☐ RU Russian Federation is not designated for any kind of national protection

*(The check-boxes above may be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of an earlier national application from which priority is claimed. See the Notes to Box No. V as to the consequences of such national law provisions in these and certain other States.)*

**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 01.10.2004	10/956,660	US		
item (2) 30.09.2005	11/240,135	US		
item (3)				

- ☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

- ☐ all items    ☐ item (1)    ☒ item (2)    ☐ item (3)    ☐ other, see Supplemental Box

\* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):

**Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

**Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)** (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA / US

**Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search** (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year)                      Number                      Country (or regional Office)

**Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS**

The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)   | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor   | : |
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